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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention provides methods of transplanting multipo-
tent neural stem cell progeny to a host by obtaining a
population of cells derived from mammalian neural tissue
containing at least one multipotent CNS multipotent neural
stem cell; culturing the neural stem cell in a culture medium
containing one or more growth factors which induce mul-
tipotent neural stem cell proliferation; inducing proliferation
of the multipotent neural stem cell to produce neural stem
cell progeny which includes multipotent neural stem cell
progeny cells; and transplanting the multipotent neural stem
cell progeny to the host. Also provided are methods of
transplanting neural stem cell progeny to a host by obtaining
an in vitro cell culture containing CNS neural stem cells
where one or more cells in the culture (i) proliferates in a
culture medium supplemented with one or more mitogens,
(ii) retains the capacity for renewed proliferation, and (iii)
maintains the multipotential capacity, under suitable culture
conditions, to differentiate into neurons, astrocytes, and
oligodendrocytes; and transplanting the one or more cells to
the hose.

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